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NAPOLEON, O., - DEC. 23, 1886.

In this State taxes are paid on 745,366 horses.

Mr. Johnson will take charge of the revenue office on January 1st.

A bill has been introduced in Congress making fourth-class postmasters elective by the people.

Some of the Democratic papers of Missouri have hoisted the name of Allen G. Thurman for President in 1888.

The contest for the office of Sheriff of Fulton county has closed, leaving Dawling, Democrat, a majority of nine.

Governor Alger, of Michigan, is to give the four hundred and eight-seven new-borns of Detroit a new suit of clothes each on Christmas.

At Decatur, the school trustees ordered the expulsion of any student who would not buy a writing pad the Board had adopted. The matter will go into court.

Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island voiced a great truth when he said that "there is something more required of the best citizen than to stay at home and growl."

The supreme court has held the law prohibiting the sale of liquor within two miles of a fair ground to be valid, by a vote of four to one—Judge Follett dissenting.

The Londoner Advocate recently blacklisted the names of 56 persons who had taken the paper without paying their subscriptions. This way of disposing of non-paying subscribers is becoming fashionable.

Neighboring states have a law that makes it the duty of owners of threshing engines passing in public highways to send a messenger at least one-eighth of a mile ahead to give warning, and in the evening to carry a red light. Failing to do so, the proprietor is liable to damages.

Of the 179 appointments made by General Black, in his department, 90 of them are ex-Union soldiers. Of the other 89, the majority are the widows, daughters and sons of ex-Union soldiers. And yet Republican howlers would have us believe that the rebels were getting away with the department.

Congressman Boutelle has introduced a bill admitting free of duty material to be used in re-building the town of Eastport, Maine. Mr. Boutelle is one of those statesmen that hold that the tariff is not a tax but a benefit, and it is strange that he should attempt to deprive an unfortunate town in his own district of the manifold advantages which he has always declared are to be gained by it.—Chicago Times.

On Saturday the Morrison Tariff Bill was called up in the House on motion to reconsider. The galleries of the House were crowded; as much interest was manifested in the result. The vote was taken and resulted yes 149, nays 154. It is to be regretted that the measure failed, as the tariff should be revised, but it is hoped the defeat of the bill will be the means of the enactment of a law still more desirable than the Morrison bill.

On Friday, by a vote of 30 to 22, the Senate repealed the sections of the Revised Statutes known as the Tenth of Office law which were passed to shackle Andrew Johnson, when, as Lincoln's successor, in the President's office, he broke with the Republican party. The sections thus repealed cover from 1767 to 1772 inclusive. The House will promptly pass the bill, and thus will be wiped out a series of bad laws which were passed solely because a Congress, with a two-thirds Republican majority, exercised tyrannical power. The law has been a hindrance to good government and should have been wiped out long ago.

The Akron Beacon (Republican) writes "the salaries of Ohio State officers" raised to "something like what they should be," and declares that it "is a crying shame" that the Governor of Ohio only gets \$4,000 a year. The farmers and wage workers are not likely to agree with the Beacon.

McConnelville, Ohio, is the only county-seat in the State that has no railroad. The State having been presented by McConnelville with a valuable "ordinance," (one with a slate roof and bay window.) The State should now present McConnelville with a railroad. A narrow gauge would be most appropriate—the narrower the better. But think what a magnificent net-work of iron it is that, with a single exception, connects, directly or indirectly, the eighty-eight county-seats of Ohio!—Bellevue Era.

Secretary Manning shows, in his annual report to Congress, that the total revenues of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1886, were \$336,433,727. The ordinary expenditures for the same period were \$287,034,181, leaving a balance of \$49,403,545. Of these expenditures nearly \$33,500,000 went for pensions, and nearly \$100,000,000 for interest on the public debt and sinking fund. The revenues were \$12,749,629 larger than the previous year, and the expenditures were \$17,743,796 smaller than in the previous year. Democratic reform pledges mean something—don't they? Facts and figures talk.

The State Board of School Examiners hold an examination at Columbus on the 28th and 29th of this month. They issue ten-year certificates to those who pass a satisfactory examination in orthography, reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, English grammar, United States history, theory and practice and Ohio school law. They issue life certificates to those who pass a satisfactory examination, in addition to the above, in algebra, geometry, physics, physiology, general history, English literature, rhetoric, civil government, and any three branches that applicant may select from the following list: Chemistry, botany, astronomy, zoology, trigonometry, Latin, Greek, German, logic, Anglo-Saxon and early English.

It is understood that Governor Foraker insists that the levy for State taxes must be increased. This too in face of the fact that measures are being taken to reduce the revenue accruing to the general Government. The Governor's demands do not speak well for the management of the financial affairs of the State, as the public institutions are nearly all in the hands of his political favorites. But the Republican party was always in favor of increasing the revenue, no matter what the legitimate demands for money might be for public uses. Enough cormorants and vultures continually hover about the g. o. p. to gulp down any surplus revenue that might be lying around loose.—Marion Mirror.

The Minneapolis Journal gives account of the famous Jones county calf case which has just been disposed of by the Supreme Court of Iowa. This is one of the most remarkable cases on the records of American courts, and furnishes a striking illustration of what an expensive luxury a little satisfaction obtained in legal form may prove to be. Twelve years ago a Green county farmer went to Jones county and bought some calves of a man named Johnson. They were probably stolen, but Johnson claimed to have bought them from a third party. Johnson was prosecuted by the Anti-Horse Thief association, but was acquitted. He sued for \$10,000 damages and the case has been tried five times, and each time except one he has received a verdict for \$3,000 to \$7,500, which was always set aside. He appealed to the Supreme Court and the verdict has been reversed, giving him no damages. The court costs are now \$3,300, while the other expenses on both sides amount to at least \$20,000, and several persons have been ruined by the expenses of the case. The value of the calves was \$30.

A poor every day workman, named William Dorsey, employed in the Cleveland rolling mills, was the Democratic candidate for Congress in the late campaign in the Twentieth District. He is not only a hard workingman, but an intelligent and popular gentleman, and in a district which usually gives over three thousand Republican majority he was barely defeated. But he committed a grievous error when he, a poor man, aspired to the republic and his doom has been sealed. On Thursday he was discharged from his situation and told to drift through the cold winter as best he could. Such is Republican intolerance. In too many instances they endeavor to enslave and hoodwink the workingman during campaigns and throw him to the dogs after election. They have no use for the workingman who will not blindly follow the dictates of the lordly Republican master. And this is called a free country! Great indignation undoubtedly will be expressed over this Dorsey outrage and many resolves will be made to avenge the matter at the polls. If the incensed laborers will only remember how cold and cruel is this act of dismissal and put the blame where it belongs, and vote against such intolerance they will be more respected by their employers and exercise greater power in this country.

A dispatch from Findlay says the citizens of that place are highly elated over the success of their city gas plant, which has just begun operations. Although the mains have just been completed, there are already upwards of two hundred connections, and the supply is being furnished from three wells. The rates published by the City Gas Trustees are eminently satisfactory to the people. Cook stoves are charged at the rate of \$6 per year, first heater \$3.50, second heater \$2.50, third heater and over \$2.10. Lights are charged at the same rate of 10c per month for two. Churches, halls and business rooms are equally low, while the rate charged manufacturers is almost insignificant. These are the lowest prices charged for fuel in any town in the world, and this is the basis of Findlay's great boom. Nearly every family in the city is now using gas for fuel, even those in the remote new additions. It is said that the old gas company will also reduce its rates to consumers. The City Gas Trustees are getting down another gas well, and from its location it is likely to be a boomer.—Van Wert Times.

What is more suitable for a Christmas present than a nice pair of slippers? You will find a complete line at very low prices, at D. &amp; J. Wilson's.

## The Dow Law Constitutional.

The Supreme Court on Thursday last declared the Dow Law constitutional by a strict party decision—three to two. The result was a surprise to no one, unless it was the saloon keepers themselves, many of whom thought the Republican court would rule in their favor, and with this view in mind many of them throughout the State voted the Republican ticket last fall. The tax will now have to be paid, together with the 20 per cent. penalty, as the law directs.

That the law is unconstitutional a large majority of the bar admit, and the opinion of many people is that the measure is in direct contravention of the constitution of the State, especially so the lien clause. That our readers may have a more comprehensive idea of the law, which the highest tribunal of the State has just declared to be constitutional, we append the following synopsis of the celebrated Dow Law:

Section 1. The year runs from the fourth Monday of May to the next fourth Monday of May, both exclusive. Tax \$200; but if only married persons, or both, are sold, tax only \$100.

Section 2. Tax operates as a lien on realty in which saloon is conducted; and such lien payable at regular tax dates. Tax must be paid 25th December and 25th June.

Section 3. If business only runs for part of year tax proportionate to that period; lien the same.

Section 4. Relates to process of collection. Distress law operates, taking precedence of all other liens, whether of record or not, given subsequent to passage of law.

Section 5. As to duty of Assessors.

Section 6. Duty of County Auditor in making duplicates.

Section 7. Duty of Treasurer.

Section 8. Is here given in full: "The phrase, 'trafficking in intoxicating liquors' as used in this act, means the buying or procuring and selling of intoxicating liquors otherwise than under prescriptions issued in good faith by reputable physicians in active practice, or for exclusively known mechanical, pharmaceutical or sacramental purposes, but such phrase does not include the manufacturing of intoxicating liquors from the raw material, and the sale thereof by the manufacturer of the same in quantities of one gallon or more at any one time."

Section 9. Relates to distribution of the product. Three-fourths to go into County Treasury, one-half of that three-fourths to be for general revenue, the other half for Police Fund. Where there are no police, all of the three-fourths to go to general revenue. Remaining one-fourth goes to Infirmary or Poor Fund; but in Cincinnati half of that fourth goes to City Infirmary and the other half to County Infirmary.

Section 10. Publication of act.

Section 11. Forbidding all sales on Sunday, unless specifically authorized by Common Council of the town or village.

Section 12. Selling liquor to minors without written consent of parent or guardian. Fine from \$25 to \$100 and imprisonment not more than thirty nor less than five days.

Sections 13, 14 and 15. Simply directory as to other statutes and time of taking effect.

## After the Bogus Maple Syrup Dealers.

The State Food and Dairy Commission has commenced a fight against the bogus maple syrup dealers that will command the hearty support of every farmer in the State who owns a sugar bush. For years it has been the practice of certain wholesale dealers to buy up hundreds of pounds of maple sugar and hold it until the following year, when it was melted up adulterated with glucose and sold as new maple sugar. The penalty for such an offense under the new laws of the State is not less than \$500 fine for manufacturers nor less than \$50 fine for dealers. An earnest effort will be made to convict every person guilty of such offense, and dealers are warned that infractions of this law will result in the infliction of the extreme penalty.

## Mr. Barnum's Advice to Business Men.

Addressing a body of business men at Bridgeport the other day, P. T. Barnum said: "You do not, any of you, advertise enough. You ought to use printer's ink every day. You are asleep and want your business to run itself. Standing advertisements in a paper command confidence. The man who for a year lives in one community and lends a reputable life, even though he be of moderate ability, will grow in the confidence and esteem of his fellows. On the same principle a newspaper advertisement becomes familiar in the eyes of the reader. It may seldom be read, still it makes the name and business of the man familiar and its presence in the columns of a paper inspires confidence in the stability of its enterprise."

## Iron Shortage in Bridges.

The following, taken from the Iron Trade Review, may not have any application in Henry county, but it is well to know that such a thing, as herein narrated, has been done and may be done again:

"A county engineer in Northwestern Ohio, of an engineering frame of mind, was recently commissioned to inspect a new iron bridge prior to the County Commissioner's paying the bill. The results of his investigations, if reliable, are quite interesting and important as showing how some bridge builders, if so disposed, can double their apparent profits by a judicious distribution of a shortage in the iron. According to the report of the engineer, the amount of deficiency in weight of iron in the bridge in question is pretty closely one third, or 33 1/3 per cent. He finds that the shortage has been very skillfully distributed over the whole structure. Approximately, the weight of the bridge is 464,000 pounds, or 232 tons. A shortage of one-third would save the building company about 77 tons of iron, or 154,000 pounds. Computing the value of this at the low figure of two cents a pound the extra profit of the builders would be over \$3,000. This is a serious arraignment of the honesty of the builders, and should be met by explicit proof to the contrary if it is incorrect. The question is not, whether the bridge as turned over to the County Commissioners is safe, but whether the people are getting what they are paying for."

## A Business Administration.

The message of President Cleveland presents a few facts which we feel are worthy of more than mere passing notice. We give a few figures which can not be beaten in the history of the government. In comparison with the last year of Republican rule the first one under a Democratic administration brought an increase of \$15,800,000 revenue from customs and internal revenue.

A decrease in the cost of its collection amounting to \$346,000.

A decrease of \$17,788,000 in total ordinary governmental expenses.

A surplus saving in the Indian service of \$322,255 turned over to the Treasury, instead of a deficiency.

A surplus of \$1,203,000 saved from appropriations for War Department, turned into the Treasury.

A surplus of \$380,000 in the Navy Department, notwithstanding unusual expenditures in adding to its efficiency.

The Patent Office paid its expenses and turned over to the Treasury the sum of \$164,000.

Over 27,500,000 acres of the public domain have been rescued from corporations holding them illegally and turned over to actual settlers; while 2,370,000 acres are under investigation and a large part of this land will undoubtedly be reclaimed.

The work of the Pension Bureau has been enormously increased \$8,000,000 and there has been an increase of over 20,000 pensions issued, but the whole work has been done at a saving of \$310,500.

The public debt reduction of \$36,067,702 is an increase of \$32,093,474 over that of last year.

The above facts and figures speak volumes for the efficiency, prudence and economy of the present administration. Show them to your Republican neighbor.—Akron Times.

## Paying Interest Before Due.

The Secretary of the Treasury has directed the payment without rebate of the interest due January, 1887, on United States four per cent. bonds of the loan of 1907, amounting to about \$9,000,000, and also the interest on the bonds issued to the Pacific Railway Company upon the presentation of the coupon and interest checks at the Treasury at Washington or at any of the Sub-Treasuries. Checks for registered interest will be mailed to bondholders as soon as prepared.

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## Ditch Notice.

To non-resident land owners:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed by myself and others, with the township clerk of Bartow township, Henry county, Ohio, praying for the locating and establishing of a ditch, drain or water-course commencing at a point ten feet south of the northwest corner of section seven (7), Bartow township, Henry county, Ohio; thence and along the section line between sections 6 and 7, S. and 8, and 9 to what is known as road improvement No. 3, and there terminate. All in Bartow township, Henry county, Ohio.

Which said petition will be for hearing by the Township Trustees, at 9 o'clock a. m. on the 4th day of January, 1887, at Clerk's office in Bartow, N. R. OHEEDLE, Petitioner.

ED. WARD, Township Clerk.  
Dec. 18th, 1886.

## Probate Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given, that George B. Rettig, as executor of Michael Rettig, deceased, has filed a 3d and final account of his administration, which will be for hearing and settlement January 8, 1887. D. MEEKISON, Probate Judge.

## Probate Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given, that William McGee, as administrator of John Hay, deceased, has filed a final account of his administration, which will be for hearing and settlement January 8, 1887. D. MEEKISON, Probate Judge.

## The Trade Dollar.

A bill to retire the trade dollar and to provide for its recoinage passed the Senate Friday. It prescribes that until July 1, 1887, the trade dollars, if not defaced, mutilated or stamped, shall be received by the United States Treasurer or at any Assistant Treasurer's office in exchange for a like amount, dollar for dollar, of standard silver dollars. The trade dollars thus received are not again to be paid out, but are to be transmitted to the coinage mints, and are to be regarded and treated as silver bullion, and, at their bullion value, shall be deducted from the amount of bullion required to be purchased and coined by the act of February 28, 1878, and shall be received into standard silver dollars, according to the provisions of said act. Provided, that the amount to be so deducted, as provided, shall not exceed \$500,000 in any month.

"Maria," said her father, "William asked me for your hand last night and I consented." "Well, pa, that's the first bill of mine you haven't objected to."

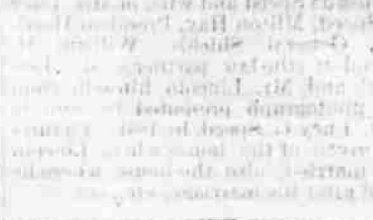
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